



Fire Prevention Week 2016

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Fire Prevention Week is upon us! From October 9-15, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the Norman Fire Department will work to educate the public on the importance of smoke detectors in the home and the need to replace them every 10 years.

A recent survey conducted by NFPA revealed that only a small percentage of people know how old their smoke alarms are, or how often they need to be replaced. That lack of awareness is a concern because smoke alarms do not last forever. According to the NFPA, smoke alarms must be replaced at least every 10 years, but because the public is generally unaware of this requirement, many homes have smoke alarms past their expiration date, putting people at risk.

This year, Fire Prevention Week will focus on better educating the public about the critical importance of knowing how old their smoke alarms are and replacing them once they're 10 years old. Members of the Norman Fire Department will be at Sooner Mall, 3301 W. Main Street, throughout the week to provide information on smoke detectors and overall fire safety with hands-on activities for children and fun for the whole family.

Tours of Norman Fire Stations are also available to the public throughout the week providing the community the opportunity to meet the firefighters and to see the fire engines and other rescue equipment up close.

To find out how old your smoke alarm is and its expiration date, simply look on the back of the alarm where the date of manufacture is marked. The smoke alarm should be replaced 10 years from that date, not the date of purchase. The Norman Fire Department also encourages residents to test alarms monthly and replace alarm batteries once a year.

Please join us this Fire Prevention Week to ensure your family has the knowledge and training to remember "Don't wait - Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years."